

Alvanley Parish Council Transparency Statement / Policy

Introduction

Alvanley Parish Council is committed to upholding the principles of openness, accountability, and community engagement. This Transparency Statement outlines how we ensure that residents have access to clear and timely information about our decisions, operations, and finances.

1. Access to Information We publish the following documents on our official website:

- Agendas and minutes of all council meetings
- Annual budgets, financial statements, and audit reports
- Policies, procedures, and standing orders
- Councillor contact details and declarations of interest
- Details of public land and building assets

2. Financial Transparency All items of expenditure over £100 are published quarterly. We also provide:

- End-of-year accounts
- Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)
- Internal audit reports

3. Public Engagement We encourage residents to participate in local governance by:

- Attending council meetings
- Submitting questions or feedback via email or public forums
- Joining working groups or committees as non-voting members

4. Communication Updates from the Chair and key council decisions are shared via:

- The council website
- Social media platforms
- Email newsletters

5. Continuous Improvement This statement is reviewed annually to ensure it reflects best practices and community expectations.

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Approved by the Chair; Name: ___Jeannette Hughes_____

Signature: _____

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